

Central Board Minutes
May 10, 1954

The meeting was called to order in the Copper room by Don Chaney.

INTERSCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE

DeMers, chairman, described plans for Interscholastic Week. The student committee will handle food and housing for high school students. Friday's program will include a program on the oval in the evening with the students divided into counties. University students will join their home groups to talk about the University. DeMers asked all Central board and living group presidents to work on a friendly attitude and stress the University as a whole, rather than individual living groups.

Chaney commended DeMers and his committee on its good work.

ASMSU COMMITTEES

Chaney asked the living group presidents to push applications for membership in ASMSU committees. The applications are available in the business office and will be due Tuesday, May 18.

Tomorrow, May 11, will be freshman Green Day, and Chaney asked the upper-classmen to support the fresh and encourage them.

SPRING VACATION AND ABER DAY

The administration's questions about spring vacation and Aber Day were discussed. The questions were: "Do you want spring vacation? How much? When? What would you be willing to give up for it--adding additional time to classes, condensing final week, giving up other vacation days including Aber day?" Chaney read excerpts from Dr. Browman's survey of the biological science classes.

Lou Marilyn Vierhus reported that the Thetas felt we definitely need spring vacation due to health reasons. The Thetas favored adding to class time, but preferred keeping Aber Day with just the clean-up aspect. Ken Duffy, representing the Sigma Nus, said his group did not want to add time to or Saturday classes or additional days at the end of the school year, but favored a two-day vacation between quarters. Briggs asked if a two-day vacation, Monday and Friday at Easter, would serve the purpose. Chaney suggested starting winter quarter exams Saturday, finishing them Tuesday, and returning to school the following Monday.

Gaughan said that according to faculty members on Montana Forum committee adding to class time and condensing final week would accomplish little. Vierhus suggested coming back earlier in the fall. Newlin pointed out that since we want spring vacation, why not condense the three final weeks and add them to the three day leeway Leo Smith said the University had.

Duffy said he definitely favored keeping Aber day. The campus is getting rid of too many traditions as it is. There is a small minority who won't like it no matter what you do, he said. It was suggested that Aber Day be given a definite date. Briggs commented that this year's Aber Day brought faculty sentiment against it more strongly than ever. He pointed out that although the uncertainty of the date causes faculty ill will, the planners of Aber Day have to take the weather into account. He said the faculty has supported Aber Day because they feel students and faculty do need a break. For that reason some propose spring vacation as an Aber Day substitute.

Chaney polled the members of Central board:

Abbott—doesn't want to lose Aber day, but wants spring vacation.

Lambros—doesn't want extra hours or Saturday's for school. We need a spring vacation. We should get back to Aber Day's original purpose.

Gaughan—wants both Aber day and spring vacation. Suggested condensing finals and revisions for Aber day.

O'Hare—we need a spring vacation, but we hope we can keep Aber day.

DeForth—we definitely need a spring vacation. Favored lengthening class, condensing final and week, and giving up Aber day as a last resort according to the discretion of the administration.

Several members suggested additional activities for Aber day to keep students on campus—political rallies, big name banus, starting Aber day at noon.

The board approved the following motion 6 - 1: That Central Board recommend to President McFarland compressing the winter quarter exam schedule to three days, with exams starting Saturday and finishing Tuesday night, to give a five-day vacation. The motion was made by Gaughan.

A motion by Lambros was also approved: The board does not want five-minute extension of classes or Saturday classes. The vote was 6 - 1.

Newlin moved that we maintain Aber day. It was approved unanimously.

Central board will meet Wednesday to consider Pres. McFarland's questions about the money allocated to the golf course and adherence to Skyline rules in awarding athletic letters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley DeForth

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Secretary of ASMSU

Present: Chaney, O'Hare, Gaughan, Abbott, Lambros, Briggs, DeForth, all living group presidents, Howard Burke, Bill Gue